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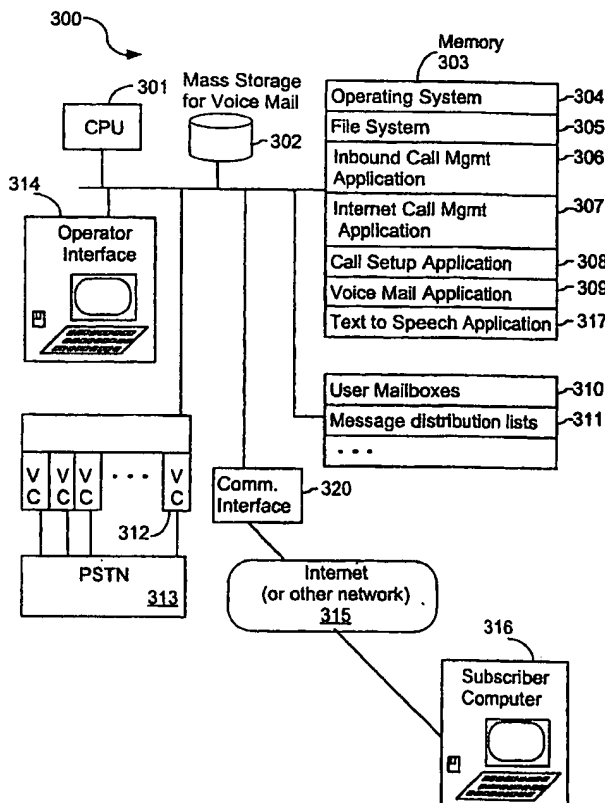
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(57) Abstract: A call management system (300) provides an Internet call management service that permits a subscriber (316) to receive information about incoming calls, and provides a personal message to the caller over a voice channel. The caller may be given a personal notification, as a spoken audio message that includes the caller's name, advising the caller that a personal message is forthcoming and requesting that the caller stand by to receive the personal message. The subscriber (316) enters the personal message as text, which is transmitted over a data channel (320) to the call management system (300). The call management system (300) converts the text message into speech, and then "reads" the message as a spoken, audio message to the caller, using the voice channel over which the call was received by the call management system.

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